Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider Applicant's comments presented in this response and to enter this response into the formal record of the instant case. Applicant proffers this response on the basis that this response places the application in a position for allowance.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In the Claims:

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Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for protecting animals from contacting power lines comprising:

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a cylindrical member for engaging a wire comprising a notch to accommodate an insulator; and securing means for securing said cylindrical member to said wire.

20 Please cancel Claim 5 (five).

In the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract, in its entirety, with the following text:

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Device for preventing electrical injury to animals wherein said injury results from contact between a live wire and a grounded support structure. Cylindrical member covers a wire supported by a structure and electrically isolated therefrom by an insulator. Said cylindrical member comprises a notch for

